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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3, 5, 9, 21, 25 and 36 have been amended. Claims 15 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2-14, 17-19, 21-30 and 36-37 are pending in this application.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted on November 9, 2010, during which the claim objections relating to the claim limitation "… when the power supply is within the power supply unit…," and the claim limitations directed to the position of the center of gravity in relation to the (first and second) ends of the housing case and the strap attaching unit when the power supply is within the power supply unit, were discussed.

Claims 2-10, 15, 17-26, 31 and 36-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tokyo Shibaura Electric Co. (9-179549) and Cartmell (U.S. Patent No. 6,036,068). In addition, claims 11-14 and 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tokyo Shibaura Electric Co., Cartmell, and Mills (U.S. Patent No. 6,353,870).

Amended independent claim 36 now recites, in relevant part, the following.

> a cylindrically-shaped housing case having a first end opposite a second end, wherein the housing case has a center in a longitudinal direction of the housing case between the first end and the second end, wherein a first end side of the housing case extends from the center in the longitudinal direction of the housing case to the first end, and wherein a second end side of the housing case extends from the center in the longitudinal direction of the housing case to the second end;

> a manipulating unit configured to be arranged on a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of said housing case at the first end side;

> a strap attaching unit configured to be arranged at the first end side on a plane extending in the longitudinal direction of the housing casing, wherein the strap attaching unit is at a predetermined position spaced from the manipulating unit in a direction of the second end;